

DIARIO DE LA MARINA

DIRECTOR

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Mr. M. Robert Rogers, Editor
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Gentleman:

In an article entitled "How Axis Fifth Column in Cuba Strikes at United States", published in the September issue of the "Click" magazine, appears my name and that of my publication in a way that is evidently false.

It is true that I was a decided partisan of the movement that, under the leadership of General Franco, prevented, at the end, the Sovietization of Spain. I consider with great pride in my journalistic career my campaigns towards that end. At that time I necessarily maintained relations with as many persons and groups of Spaniards and Cubans as served in my own field. But, neither then, nor afterwards, that is, never, did I belong to Falange Española nor to any other party, and much less did I carry on any other activities that did not pertain to my profession as a journalist.

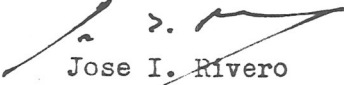
I have the right to proclaim that whatever may be said to the contrary is entirely false until otherwise proved. The above mentioned article does not offer the slightest proof to show such conditions as are imputed to me therein my being a member of Falange Española.

As far as my publication is concerned it seems foolish that I be obliged to recall now, what is well known to all those that have a knowledge of the Latin American Press (and there are very many in the United States that have such knowledge), that "Diario de la Marina" is, and has been for the past forty years, a constant and sincere defender of Cuban-American cooperation and that since the beginning of the present war its position has not been other than that of Americanism without deviation or faltering. However, "Diario de la Marina" is the biggest and most influential publication in Cuba and this circumstance makes it, human nature being what it is, excite among those less fortunate in our profession a steadfast implacability that, naturally, we are not the most interested to have disappear.

Most assuredly the "investigator" from "Click" fell into the net of our competitors who entertain the belief that they can combat their defeat with calumny and from them he obtained the story whose clarification I have the right to request.

I beg that you publish this letter in your magazine in the assurance that you will be serving at the same time both the Truth and the better understanding of Cuban-American relations, and remain,

Very sincerely yours,


Jose I. Rivero
Editor